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Mysuru placed Ninth in Clean City Quarterly Ranking

- Results will not impact National-level ranking, clarifies MCC
- National-level survey of cleanliness to begin from Jan. 4

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru has been ranked ninth in the Swachh Survekshan-2020 League (quarterly) that was conducted between April and June 2019. The city was considered under the population category of one lakh to 10 lakh.

The overall ranking of Mysuru was 154 during April to June and the overall rank is 107 during July to September. The ranking of October-December is expected to be merged with the overall rankings to be announced later in the year. Mandya has been ranked 162 in the population category of one lakh to 10 lakh in the overall ranking.

Indore, which had been adjudged number one in the past three sanitation surveys, remained in top slot in the first two quarters of 2019 in all-India level.

The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) released the results of the first and second quarters of the Swachh Survekshan-2020 and this is for the first time that the Ministry has introduced quarterly survey for ranking of cities. All these years, the urban local bodies were graded in a single annual survey.

On-ground performance of cities: The Swachh Survekshan League-2020 was introduced with an objective of sustaining on-ground performance of cities along with continuous monitoring of service-level performance when it comes to cleanliness.

Releasing the list, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri said the cleanliness survey had become a part of our consciousness, after starting from a limited survey of 73 cities in 2016 to today, covering almost all urban areas.

(See CLEAN on page 8)

PM arrives at Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt

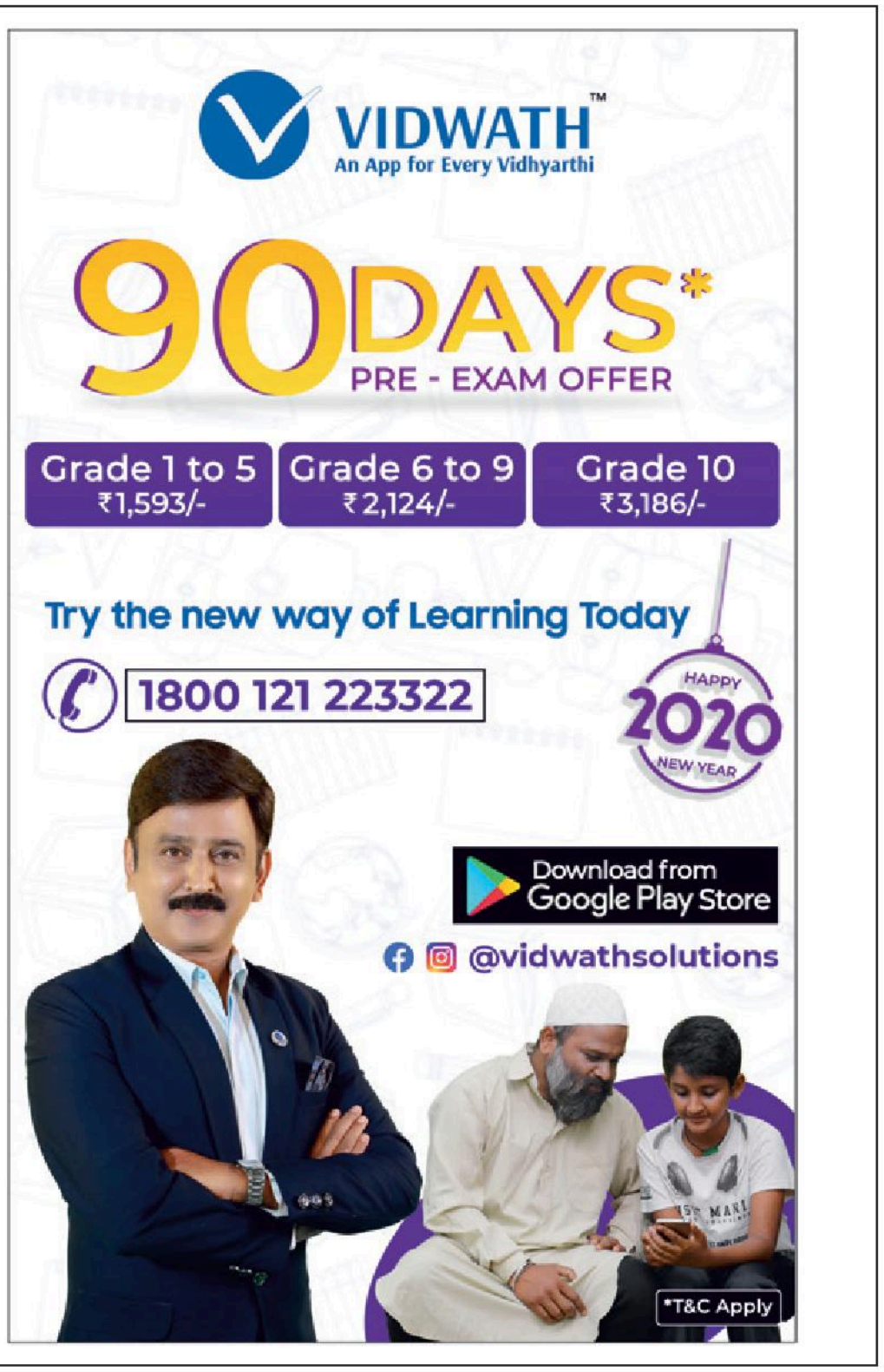
Bengaluru, Jan. 2 (UNI & Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Yelahanka Airbase in Bengaluru this afternoon for a two-day visit to the State. He left for Tumakuru in a chopper to visit the Siddaganga Mutt.

Modi

Modi will attend an event in Junior College Grounds, Tumakuru and address a gathering at the Krishi Karman Awards presentation ceremony.

In Bengaluru, Modi was received by Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa. At the Siddaganga Mutt, the PM will plant a *'Bilva Patre'* sapling, near the Gadduge (final resting place) of late Siddaganga Seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. The PM will later interact with students at the Mutt. He will also unveil a plaque to mark the laying of foundation stone for a memorial museum of Shivakumara Swamiji. Mutt authorities will present a silver idol of the late Seer to Modi.

(See PM on page 9)



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Mysuru, Thursday 2nd January 2020

Flogging a dead horse

Medium of teaching the children at Primary and Secondary School stages, setting question papers of public examination in the final class of Secondary School, contents of textbooks conforming to the syllabus followed in the Schools that come under the purview of the State Government, stipulation of minimum age for admission at the start of schooling, measures to raise the pass percentage particularly in Government Schools, action on bringing back the drop-outs to the classroom, raising the budget allocation for education sector, quality of dishes served to the students under the midday meal programme, provision of textbooks and uniform free of cost, fee structure in privately managed Schools and so on have been debated *ad nauseum* in many forums including the legislature for years creating scope for further discussions aimed at clinching decisions ostensibly for the welfare of students both during the school years and in their later life. The line dividing the *voice* of the Government and the *view* of parents at large on many issues mentioned above, particularly the medium of teaching seems to be thick and unerasable for all time.

Even as the ideal of creating a nationally uniform education system has been sounded in some circles, the Central Government has announced its New Education Policy which has also witnessed public ire for good and bad reasons. Inability to resolve the areas of discord in the policy on the part of both the stockholders and stakeholders of the education sector reflects poorly on the education both sides have received in their life.

While the issues relating to the goings on in the country's Universities and similarly rated institutions offering technical, medical and management courses are in a different class and mostly kept under wraps, the mass of output from these institutions not harnessed in the country is cumulatively expanding to alarming proportions. As if to add insult to injury, the Human Resources Development Ministry is reportedly modifying the Right to Education Act, 2009 by relaxing norms on school infrastructure including land area, classroom dimension and playground facilities, particularly in urban areas.

In the backdrop of the foregoing ambience in which the country's 260 million children are learnt to be enrolled, the picture worsens due to two features namely *(a)* Large population of girls out of school (4.1million) and *(b)* Children in rural areas without access to education of any quality. The cost of flogging the dead horse of unresolved issues relating to education sector is so enormous that not reining it doesn't augur well for the country's future generations.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Technology used to be part of our lives until the last decade. Now technology is our life. The decade that was will be remembered for the way technology took over our lives at a pace and manner that has left us gasping even as we thirst for more. Before 2010, the internet and mobile were used when we needed them. They were tools for search or connectivity. We found them useful. Now we are dependent on them. Work, leisure, relationships, travel, and business are infused with technology. Earlier technology enabled everything. Now technology drives it.

—Pranjal Sharma in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Most valuable dreidel made from gold, diamonds

New York: A New York jewelry company set a new Guinness World Record for using gold and diamonds to create a dreidel valued at $70,000.

Guinness said Estate Diamond Jewelers constructed the traditional Hanukkah toy from 18 karat gold, with the lettering made from 18 karat white gold and 222 modern round brilliant diamonds. The tip of the spinning top-like toy is a 4.20 carat diamond.

The result was dubbed the world's most valuable dreidel by Guinness.

The object was created with an Art Deco style in mind.

"The indented edges of the faces, the sharp diagonal lines of the pavilion, and the straight top are strong themes of the Art Deco Era. The final design was heavily inspired by the Chrysler Building - which is only a few blocks away from our showroom," the jewelry company said.

Mind-boggling optical illusions of Stefan Pabst

Berlin: When it comes to ultra-realistic, hand-drawn or painted anamorphic illusions, you'd be hard pressed to find someone better than German artist Stefan Pabst.

Born in Russia, Stefan Pabst has been living in Germany since he was 15-year-old. In 2007, he started painting and drawing portraits, but quickly got bored with it and began looking for a way to somehow traverse the 2D border of a sheet of paper. Pabst stumbled upon the art of anamorphic illusions, and he hasn't looked back since. Although he continues to create commission portraits, he has become known for his mind-blowing optical illusions.

Asked about the message he wants to convey to his audience, Stefan Pabst said that he hopes to inspire people that they can do anything if they really put their mind to it.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Where are hidden salts?

Lowering your sodium intake can cut your heart disease risk by upto 24%. Stay away from chips, crackers, luncheon meats and fast foods. Pasta sauce, salad dressings, canned soups and condiments may contain up to 1,000 MG per serving.

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Bandhavya-2019: Special sports contest held

Rotary Mysore Midtown and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Suttur, in association with Sports And Cultural Academy for Differently Abled (SACADA), had organised 'Bandhavya-2019,' a two-day sports competition for intellectually challenged at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud. The event was inaugurated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Standing from left on dais: Saanidhya Hon. Secretary Vasanth Kumar Shetty, Rotary Mysore Midtown Director (Community Service) Rtn. D.K. Gangesh, Rotary Mysore Midtown Secretary Rtn. Md. Sulaiman Sait, Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. L.M. Manojkumar, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, RI Dist. 3181 Zone-7 Asst. Governor Rtn. S. Raghavendra, Inner Wheel Dist. 3181 District Chairman Anuradha Nandakumar and Bandhavya-2019 Chairman Rtn. R.S. Vishwanath are seen handing over the Sports Torch to special children of various schools during the inaugural ceremony. International para-athlete Ramya Shanmugam was also present.

Really...?

- ***The game of volleyball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan.***
- ***The first World Championships were held in 1949 for men and in 1952 for women.***
- ***Volleyball was first introduced as Olympic sports in 1964.***
- ***Most volleyball players jump about 300 times a match. Volleyball was called mintonette at first but was later changed to volleyball.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

IT PAYS TO DO YOUR OWN WORK...

Upon finding a clearly plagiarised paper, I called the student into my office. Pointing to my computer screen, I said, "I found your entire paper online. Do you have anything to say about that?"

Her angry response: *"Well, I paid my sister to write it, but I didn't think she'd plagiarise!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.30
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.24
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.41
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.95

VOICE OF THE READER

Arise, awake! Stop not till Mysuru gets Cleanest City Award

Sir,

Swachh Survekshan-2020, the annual survey will start from Jan. 4 but look at the scenario facing Mysuru city at present:

* Roads are dug up soon after they are patchily tarred.

* Renovation of houses are taken up on a war-footing and construction materials, old and new are dumped on roadsides.

* The so-called well-to-do and educated citizens are unaware that their household garbage is thrown on this dump.

* Pavements are encroached to park vehicles, small gardens are extended drive-ins, ramps are raised on pavements, rings of concrete are raised around the wayside trees (example, Paramahamsa Road) and up-raised paved tiles, are all deadly hazards for daily walkers like us.

* Added to this misery of pedestrians, the recently laid underground cables have raised metal/concrete boxes placed by the side of roads at regular intervals.

* Our sincere request to MCC and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) representatives is, to walk down the roads of Mysuru city, instead of driving up and note down these shortcomings, rectify them, pull up those responsible and then contest for the award.

The reason I am writing this appeal is, we are just back after participating in *Bhavasangama Bhakta Samagama'19,* organised by Ramakrishna Mutt, Mangaldevi Mangaluru. Their *Swachh Mangaluru Abhiyan,* taken up on a war-footing, has just completed 5 years and the work begun by the Swamijis and the dedicated 1000 volunteers, who were determined to make Mangaluru greener and cleaner, is an eye-opener not only to the nation but also universally. [One may log in to their website: *www.mangaloremath.]* Tremendous response from the local community made this possible.

So, Arise, awake and stop not till Mysuru gets Cleanest City Award! Let's start 2020 with a renewed resolution, that, it's we, the privileged citizens of Mysuru, have the right to live in this safe, clean, green, heritage city and it's in our hands to keep it that way.

—Indira Ganapathy

Yadavagiri 31.12.2019

Celebrating '100 Years of Rotary in India' on Jan.3

Sankalpa-2020: 4th District Conference of Rotary District 3181 in city on Jan.4, 5

Mysuru, Jan.2- The celebration of '100 Years of Rotary in India' and 'Sankalpa-2020,' the 4th District Conference of Rotary District 3181, will be held at Dr. Shivegowda's USA Farm in R.T. Nagar here from Jan.3 to 5.

The celebration of 100 years of Rotary in India will be held at 5 pm on Jan.3 in the presence of Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, President-Nominee, Rotary International, as the chief guest. Rotarians Dakoju Ravishankar, M. Ranganath Bhat and A.R. Ravindra Bhat will be the guests of honour.

On the occasion, a Coffee Table book titled *'One Hundred Years of Rotary in India — 1920-2020'* describing history of Rotary Movement in the world, the entry and growth of Rotary in the country and community service projects carried out by Rotary Clubs in India is being released.

District Conference on Jan.4, 5

The District Conference will be inaugurated by Rtn. Shekhar Mehta at 8.30 am on Jan.4. Prabhu Dayal, former Ambassador and Rtn. PDG Damanjit Singh, RID 3011, RI President's Representative, will deliver the keynote address.

Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat, Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat and Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Founder of Adamya Chethana, Bengaluru, will be the guests of honour. Rtn. Prof. Joseph Mathew, District Governor, RID 3181, will preside. Humorist Dundiraj, Areca Tea Researcher Nivedan Nempe, specially-abled Vikram Agnihotri and well-known chef from Taj Hotels Nevin Thammaiah will also be taking part.

Dr. Madhavan Nair, former Chairman, ISRO, Dr. Manu Baligar, President, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, H.R. Ranganath, Chairman, *Public TV* and Aravind Jatti, President, Basava Samiti, Bengaluru, will be the chief guests on the day-2 of the Conference on Jan.5 starting at 9.30 am. Yoga Guru Sharath Jois and young golfer Pranavi Urs will also be present.

Rotary District 3181 comprises the Revenue Districts of Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada.

Nearly 2,000 Rotarians and their family members will participate in 'Sankalpa-2020.'

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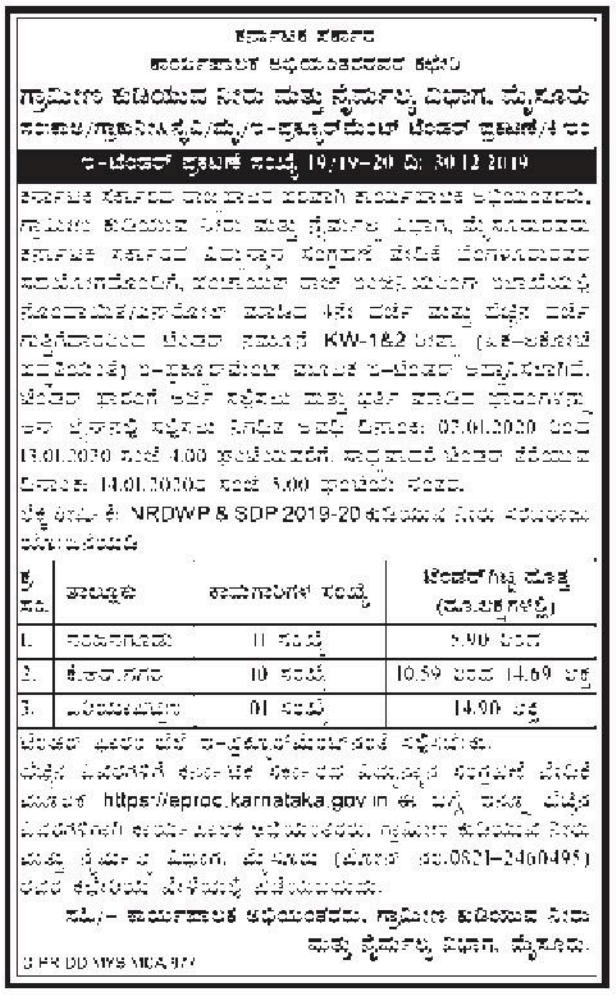

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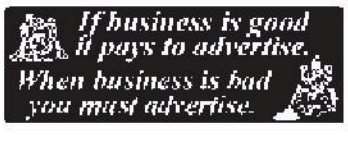

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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by S. Anand, Assistant Teacher, Government High School, Vinayakanagar, Mysuru, on Jan.4 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Calling pig rearers

In spite of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) convening meeting and publishing notices in newspapers and other media, freely roaming pigs are still causing a lot of nuisance to people living under the city limits as well as outskirts of the city. Hence, MCC Commissioner has issued a circular in this regard stating that persons rearing pigs should not let them roam around on the streets and other public places and confine them in their own private land within one week from publication of this notice, failing which MCC will take definitive steps to eradicate them without giving any further notice to the owners, according to a press release.

Awareness meet tomorrow

As part of Savitribai Phule Jayanti celebrations, the Karnataka State Dalita Sangharsha Samiti has organised an Awareness Meet near the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, opposite Town Hall on Jan.3 at 10 am. Mysuru District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate the event. Former MLA A.H. Vishwanath will preside. Former Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Kautilya Raghu and Dalit leader V. Ramaswamy will be the chief guests, according to a press release.

Winners in Quiz, Drawing

Police Public School, Jalapuri, won third prize in the Quiz Contest [Priyanka of Class X and H.S. Darshan of Class X] organised by Mahaboodhi School and Drawing Competition [Chirath Gowda of Class VI] organised by Kautilya Vidhalaya.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.64 ft
Yesterday	121.64 ft
Inflow	1,404 cusecs
Outflow	1,208 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.92 ft
Inflow	371 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Brave tempo driver foils highway robbery attempt

- Mysuru-bound courier company driver targeted near Mandya
- Argues with criminals; refuses to pay for 'accident victim'

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&BCT)- If 2019 was dominated by crimes committed on highways including the Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway, Nanjangud Highway and several State Highways around Mysuru where commuters were robbed of cash, gold and valuables by faking accidents, one more incident was reported on the New Year Day, before the break of the dawn.

At 3.30 am on Jan. 1, 38-year-old Shankar, a resident of K.P. Convent Road in Gokulam Third Stage, who works as a driver in a courier company, was returning from Bengaluru in a tempo, carrying courier goods. There was less traffic on the road as it was wee hours.

As the tempo was nearing Gejjalagere near Mandya, three bike-borne men, between 25 to 30 years, overtook his tempo and signalled Shankar to stop the vehicle. A confused Shankar obliged and as he got down from the vehicle, the three men started shouting at him on top of their voice.

The men told Shankar that his tempo had hit their vehicle and one person had sustained "internal injuries."

"They abused me and said that I was driving under the influence of alcohol. Mustering courage, I told them that my vehicle had not met with any accident and asked them to show the dent caused due to the accident or show the injuries." Shankar told *Star of Mysore*.

Mustering courage

"The trio did not buckle and insisted that my tempo had indeed hit their bike and one person sustained internal injuries. They demanded Rs.50,000 for hospital treatment. I told them that I do not have that much cash and asked them to come to Mandya Police Station that was nearby. But they insisted me to come to Maddur and I refused," Shankar said.

Shankar then told them that he had read in newspapers about gangs targeting lone commuters by faking accidents.

"One of the men even took out his phone and acted as if he was calling the Police. Somehow, I managed to wriggle out of the situation and even the criminals, wary that I knew about highway robberies, let me off. I drove the tempo to reach Mysuru," Shankar said.

Modus operandi

The *modus operandi* of the robbers is to target lone car drivers or couples. One of the accused usually throws a stone at the targeted vehicle so that the occupants of the vehicle hear a 'thud' sound. Soon, the criminals would chase the vehicle with their bike and after signalling the targeted vehicle to stop, they would claim that the vehicle had hit their bike. While one criminal fakes injury and acts as if he is in severe pain, the other negotiates a deal.

Friends from Bengaluru heading towards Kodagu robbed

Accused nabbed within 24 hours

Hunsur, Jan. 2 (Raghu&BCT)- An organised gang, which targeted tourists heading to scenic spots to celebrate New Year, has been arrested by the Hunsur Rural Police within 24 hours of crime.

The gang had robbed tourists by telling them that they will arrange for their food. Convincing tourists, the gang later threatened them with knives and robbed cash, gold and other valuables.

The arrested have been identified as 23-year-old Raghavendra, 19-year-old M.L. Nikhil, 20-year-old Keerthi and 19-year-old Abhishek. All of them are the residents of Kalkunike.

On Monday night (New Year Eve) a few friends — Pradeep, Vasanth, Ranjit, Hemanth, Pramod and Pramoda — from Bagalur near Bengaluru headed out to hinterland beyond Hunsur in their swift car (KA-50-6434), to celebrate the New Year. They were planning to go to Kodagu and reached Yashodharapura near Hunsur at 11 pm and stopped their vehicle near a roadside hotel.

Food was the bait

But the hotel was closed and as the friends were ready to go to another hotel, the gang of four that came on a scooter and a bike approached the friends and told them that the hotel had closed operations for the day but food was available backdoor.

The gang took the friends behind a service station near the hotel and threatened them with knives and robbed 20 gram gold chain and Rs.7,000 cash. They later took away mobile phones and the car key so that the friends could not contact anyone for help nor they could go anywhere and remained stranded on the road.

Caught at check-post

The criminals fled the spot and later threw the phones and key at a different place. The victims sought the help of passers-by and managed to reach the Hunsur Rural Police Station.

Registering a complaint, Dy.SP Sundar Raj formed a team and set up barricades at all the check-posts so that the criminals cannot exit. At Kalkunike Circle, the Police, while questioning the youths, stumbled upon the accused as they were giving conflicting answers. They were taken to the Police Station and were interrogated when the accused spilled the beans. The Police took them to the spot and recovered mobile phones and the car keys. The robbed gold chain and Rs.5,800 were also recovered.

The four accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

Body of youth found near Kadakola; Murder suspected

Krishna

Nanjangud, Jan. 2 (KS)- Mystery shrouds over the death of a youth, whose body was found near Adakanahalli Industrial Area on Tuesday night. Police have suspected that the youth may have been murdered.

The deceased youth is Krishna (22), son of Siddegowda of Adakanahalli in the taluk. He had gone to celebrate New Year on Jan. 31 night but his body with wounds on it was found along with his bike.

Police have suspected that Krishna may have been killed and his body and bike dragged for about a kilometre to the spot.

Nanjangud Rural Sub-Inspector Satish visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. A case has been registered at Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

Obituary

Puttamadamma

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Madiwalara Puttamadamma (80), a resident of Marballi village in the taluk, passed away on Tuesday.

She leaves behind three sons including Sannaswamy, Treasurer of Taluk Madiwalara Sangha, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the farm of her son Sannaswamy yesterday, according to family sources.

Shambhulingegowda

Shambhulingegowda (86), retired Assistant Registrar at University of Mysore and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on Dec. 31 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on the same day (Dec.31).

T. Lokpal

T. Lokpal (96), a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away on Dec. 27 at Kolhapur following brief illness.

A Member of Mysore Sports Club and Mysore Race Club, he leaves behind his wife, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on the same day (Dec. 27).

City welcomes 25 babies on New Year's Day

67,000 babies were born in India, world's highest

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RKB&BCT)- Being born on New Year's Day can bring you fame and a little bit of luck. Though it is not clear precisely when newspapers and television broadcasts began announcing the arrival of the year's first babies, the image of a baby representing a fresh start dates back to ancient Greece.

Pallavi of Hundi in Uthanahalli who delivered a baby at K.R. Hospital in Mysuru on New Year Day.

Even now, there is a ton of emphasis on the tiny face of a New Year. 25 new parents of Mysuru city rang in the New Year by welcoming the first babies born in 2020, moments after the stroke of midnight. From 12 am on the New Year Eve, till 6 pm on Jan. 1, 25 children were born at the State-run Cheluvamba Children's Hospital.

Of this, 9 are girls and 16 boys. 15 mothers had normal delivery while 10 underwent Caesarean section, informed Dr. S. Gangamma, Resident Medical Officer of Cheluvamba Children's Hospital. From Tuesday 12 midnight till Wednesday morning 5 am, 9 babies were born and of them, 6 were boys and 3 were girl babies.

In Mysuru district, 22 babies were born between 12 midnight on New Year Eve and 8 am on New Year Day. Of them, 9 were boys and 13 were girl babies.

Over 67,385 babies were born in India on New Year's Day. Indian babies accounted for 17 percent of the estimated 3,92,078 babies that were born globally on New Year's Day. India with 67,385 topped the list followed by China at 46,299, Nigeria at 26,039, Pakistan at 16,787, Indonesia at 13,020, Unites States of America 10,452, Democratic Republic of Congo 10,247 and Ethiopia at 8,493.

Police Constable dies after falling from bike

Kollegal, Jan. 2 (Nagendra& KS)- A Police Constable, who was returning home on his bike after finishing his duty, died after falling from his bike yesterday early morning.

Siddaraju

The deceased is Siddaraju, a Constable (Crime Division) at the Rural Police Station and a resident of R.S. Doddi in Hanur.

Siddaraju, who was on duty on Dec.31 night, was returning home in the early hours of Jan. 1 on his bike, when he lost control of his bike near Anagalli and fell down. Siddaraju, who suffered serious injuries, died on the spot.

The Police, who rushed to the spot, have taken further steps.

MLA Ramdas rues about renewal of MRC lease

Mysuru, Jan.2 (MTY&DM)- Even as the State Cabinet on Monday decided to extend the lease of Mysore Race Club (MRC) by 30 years, local KR MLA S.A. Ramdas has expressed his unhappiness about the renewal and said that he would like the Government to reconsider the renewal after taking into account public opinion on the issue.

Ramdas

Speaking to press persons at Mysuru Zoo, after Forest Minister C.C. Patil inaugurated the public display of a pair of Hoolock Gibbons yesterday, Ramdas said that he was of the opinion that the land of MRC should have been used for converting it into an open Zoo.

Referring to the Sewage Farm issue, he said that measures have been taken for land-filling 7 lakh tonnes of waste that has piled up at the site.

Welcoming the MCC delegation's visit to Nagpur to carry out a study of waste management and disposal there, he said that he would support all measures that will be taken by the MCC for regaining the 'Cleanest City' tag.

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Vedic approach to desire

Buddha said that desire is the cause of suffering. Outgrowing desire enables one to experience freedom from suffering. The Vedic approach was very different. Suffering can be reduced when we pay attention to, and try to satisfy, each other's desires. This gave rise to the ritual of *yagna*.

The person who conducts the *yagna* was called a *Yajaman*. He lit a fire, and chanted hymns in order to invoke a deity or *devata*. He gave the *devata* something to eat, and said, *"Swaha." Swaha* means what was mine is now yours. Technically, it is the transfer of deeds. "The food that was mine is now essentially yours now. I have no claim on it."

And then he did *phala-stuti*, the asking of a return gift: the fruit of his labour. Having fed the deity, he expected or hoped to be fed in return. Having satisfied your desire, I hope you will satisfy my desire. The *Yajaman* seems like the investor, *devata* is the investee, *swaha* is an investment and *tatasthu* that he seeks is the return on this investment.

People who call this ritual a sacrifice have clearly never studied it. It is an exchange. Only humans can exchange. *Yagna*, thus, is an indicator of humanity. The *Yajaman* gives to get and the *devata* gets before he gives. It makes us wonder: are we *Yajamans*, who focus on other people's desires before our own, like parents who feed children first? Or, are we *devatas*, who first demand satisfaction of our own desire before focussing on others?

If the *devata* gives something in return, the outcome becomes a favourable one. So, one is motivated into invoking the *devata* again. This is called a repeat order in management. And when one gets repeatedly satisfied, one goes and tells people about the *devata*. This is a referral. All businesses are successful when there is are repeat orders and referrals. All relationships also are successful when there is repeat order, when there is constant giving and receiving.

Yagna is not a contract. In a contract, there is give and take; there is obligation. *Yagna* is give in order to get. It is entirely voluntary. The *devata* has no obligation.

Later, in *dharma-shastras*, we come across the concept of *'rinn'* and *'daan'*. *Rinn* means debt. People are obliged to repay debt to ancestors and Gods by conducting *yagna*, as they have been recipients of *'swaha'*. Their desire to exist was satisfied by ancestors who gave birth to them and Gods who sustained them and so a man has to repay his debt to them. He also has to do *daan*, which is giving things away without expectations, *swaha* without *phala-stuti*, if he wants to be free of debt. Thus, repaying debt and doing charity become hallmarks of a Vedic householder. When we repay all debts, we are free. This is *moksha*.

Buddhist concept of *nirvana* was about outgrowing desire, and eventually outgrowing self. In contrast, Vedic concept of *moksha* was about satisfying other people's desires, repaying debts, doing unconditional charity, and not accumulating debts by demeaning the satisfaction of one's own desire.

There are similarities and dissimilarities in both ideas. The similarity is about outgrowing one's desire. Dissimilarity is in approach: **Buddha focusses on the self; Vedas focus on the other. Hence, in art, Buddha's eyes are shut, looking inward at one's own hunger, while in art, Hindu deities have eyes open, looking outward at other people's hunger.**

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New Year Resolution...

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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As you ring in this New Year 2020, start thinking about the persons who pack your parachute, people around you responsible for making you the man or woman you are at present — from your driver who takes you to your workplace safely everyday or to your Assistant who implements all your instructions. Your resolution for this New Year should be to *"Wish," "Thank"* or *"Compliment"* all those around you who make your life easier and better. Those who pack your parachutes, as we say. As Mary Hoppins found out, one never knows when he or she would come to your rescue !

A cold storage in the US. They employ about 200 and Mary Hoppins was also one of them.

Ballal

She had regular timings and was considered a pleasant employee.

One day, at about 5 pm, she found some discrepancy in the records and went to check the packages in a deep freezer. By chance, the door of the deep freezer closed and she was trapped inside. By 5.30 pm, most of the employees had left the premises and she was aware of this.

Mary resigned to her fate. Nobody could hear her shout, her body started to get cold and she knew that she had only an hour or two to live. By 6 pm she heard the sound of the door opening. A security man stepped inside, found Mary Hoppins unconscious, rushed her to the nearby hospital where she was revived.

Mary Hoppins called her saviour, the security guard and asked him curiously, "John, how come you came looking for me?" He replied, "Madam, everyday morning when you come for your work, you are the only one who greets me by my name and you repeat the same routine in the evening too. Today, I realised that I had not heard your voice in the evening wishing me. And that is the reason I came looking for you."

Simple story but this is true. People working in the low positions like watchmen, waiters or room attenders etc., look forward sometimes to small and basic courtesies from their superiors which they always cherish.

I was working at Calcutta as a Deputy Manager. A Vice-President and two Assistant Managers had come for inspection from our corporate office. I had placed all VVIP courtesies like fruit baskets, chocolates, cookies, nuts etc., in the room of the Vice-President and not in the room of the Assistant Managers. My General Manager Kachru admonished me and said, "Please treat all by the same yardstick. Vice-Presidents when they come for inspections are used to these courtesies but Assistant Managers are not. They will remember your gesture for a long time and it will help you in your career." I did not agree with his views then but nevertheless did as his bidding.

Years down the line, when I became a General Manager, I realised the value of his advice. Meanwhile all the juniors who I had pampered also rose in ranks and became some Departmental Heads in their respective Departments. But these people never forgot the special treatment we had given to them when they were just juniors. Whenever I visited the corporate office, all my work would be done in a jiffy.

Now, of course, it has become a habit for me. I thank every one who helps me out or gives me a service. I have noticed that most of the people I smile or greet are ready to go out of the way to help me out. As I was writing this, I came across another story in my *WhatsApp*, which I thought I should share with *SOM* readers.

Air Commodore Vishal was a jet pilot. In a combat mission his fighter plane was destroyed by a missile. He however ejected himself and parachuted safely. He won acclaims and appreciations from many.

After 5 years, one day, he was sitting with his wife in a restaurant. A man from another table came up to him and said "You are Vishal sir! You flew jet fighters. You were shot down." How in the world did you know that ? asked Vishal.

"I packed your parachute sir," the man smiled and replied.

Vishal gasped in surprise and thought if the parachute had not worked, I would not be sitting here today.

Vishal could not sleep that night, thinking about that man. He wondered how many times he might have seen him and not even said "good morning", asked how are you? Or anything because, he was a fighter pilot and that person was just a maintenance worker.

So friends, who is packing your parachute? Everyone has someone to provide what they need to make it through the day. We need many kinds of parachutes. We need the physical parachute, the mental parachute, the emotional parachute and the spiritual parachute.

We call on all these supports before reaching safety. But we fail to say a simple *Hello, Please* or a *Thank You* to someone who has a hand in making our day wonderful.

As you ring in this New Year 2020, start thinking about the persons who pack your parachute, people around you responsible for making you the man or woman you are at present — from your driver who takes you to your workplace safely everyday or to your Assistant who implements all your instructions. Your resolution for this New Year should be to *"Wish," "Thank"* or *"Compliment"* all those around you who make your life easier and better. Those who pack your parachutes as we say. As Mary Hoppins found out, one never knows when he or she would come to your rescue !

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Supreme Court Judge Justice A.S. Bopanna is 'Coorg Person of the Year-2019'

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Justice A.S. Bopanna, first Judge from Kodagu in Karnataka to be elevated to the Supreme Court of India, is the 'Coorg Person of the Year-2019'.

Ajjikuttira Somaiah Bopanna, aged 60, who was the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, was elevated to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019.

Justice Bopanna was the overwhelming choice for 'Coorg Person of the Year' title in a poll conducted for *www.coorgtourisminfo.com*, Kodagu's first news portal, promoted by senior journalist P.T. Bopanna.

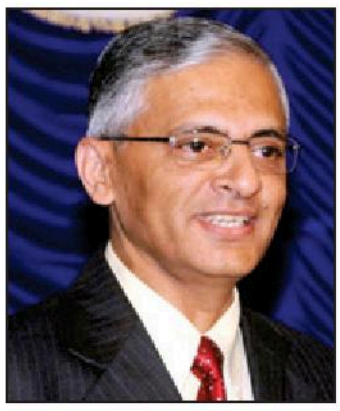
The Modi Government, which initially tried to block the appointment of Justice Bopanna, finally cleared his name for appointment as Judge after the Supreme Court Collegium overruled the Union Government's objections.

Justice Bopanna, whose parent High Court is Karnataka, was appointed Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court in October 2018. He will have a long tenure at the Apex Court and will retire in May 2024.

Justice Bopanna is the son of late A.N. Somaiah, a prominent politician belonging to the erstwhile Janata Party, who served as a member of the Karnataka Legislative Council a few decades ago.

He enrolled as an advocate in 1984 and practised in civil, constitutional, company, service and labour matters in the Karnataka High Court as well as in the civil and labour courts. He worked as Additional Central Government Standing Counsel from 1999 to 2005.

He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Karnataka in January, 2006 and became a permanent Judge in March 2007. Justice Bopanna hails from a family of coffee planters. He is married to Chendrimada Monica, and they have a son and a daughter.



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Among the others who received nominations for Coorg Person of the Year-2019 include Fulbright scholar Sowmya Dechamma and Devika Carriapa, winner of Bal Sahitya Award for 2019.

In the past, the winners of the Coorg Person title were: Dr. Kaveri Nambisan, novelist (2005), Dr. Boverianda Nanjamma Chinnappa, researcher and writer (2006), Moodera Jagadeesh, scientist (2007), Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa, environmentalist (2008), cricketer Robin Uthappa (2009), tennis player Rohan Bopanna (2010), retired Tamil Nadu IAS officer P.M. Belliappa (2011), technology innovator Vineet Devaiah (2012), Birdman Dr. S.V. Narasimhan (2013), Squash champion Joshna Chinappa (2014), Athlete M.R. Poovamma (2015), Cartoonist Nala Ponnappa (2016), Indian badminton player Ashwini Ponnappa (2017) and in 2018 it was jointly won by Kolera Zaru Ganapathy, educationist, and Ashok Kumar Shetty, industrialist and philanthropist.

Elaborating on the concept of selecting the Coorg Person of the Year, journalist Bopanna, said: "The concept first took shape in 2005 to develop role models for the people of Kodagu. The selection was made on the basis of a poll conducted through my news portal *www.coorgtourisminfo.com*. Every year, a poll is conducted to select the Coorg Person for that year. The final choice is made by me after going through the feedback I receive from the members of my Kodagu-centric Facebook groups and pages, numbering over 20,000."

Ajjikuttira family fetes Justice A.S. Bopanna couple

Supreme Court Judge Justice A.S. Bopanna and his wife Monica being felicitated by Ajjikuttira family members at a function held at Kodava Samaja in Ponnampet recently on his elevation as the Judge of the country's Top Court. Family members A.C. Subbaiah, Raja Nanjappa, A.C. Poonacha, A.K. Achaiah, A.S. Madaiah and others were present on the occasion.

MYRA School launches Analytics and Data Science Lab

This initiative will help the growing Indian talent pool with an avidity of technology

Mysuru, Jan. 2- MYRA School of Business, Mysuru, has launched an Analytics and Data Science (A&DS) Lab at their campus in Yelwal recently. The lab, sponsored by ACER and AMD, is the first-of-its-kind industry-academia collaboration in Mysuru aimed at training students in data analytics.

Data scientists, data engineers and business analysts are among the most sought-after jobs in India and there is huge shortage of talent when it comes to these skillsets.

The Lab features fully networked high-end AMD powered PCs and laptops from ACER. It is equipped with latest analytics software like Systat and OriginPro. It has a dedicated server to host networked drivers and to facilitate seamless exchange of information. Using the latest audio-visual aid and a 20 Mbps internet connectivity, students will get trouble free access to various e-learning tools, discussion forums and shared drives.

The A&DS Lab is also equipped with facilities that encourage immersive learning. Its design and layout are inspired by co-working spaces to promote an open exchange of ideas.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sudhi Seshadri, Dean, MYRA School of Business said,"MSB has been running a specialisation in analytics and data science from its inception; and we thank Acer and AMD for giving this opportunity to our faculty and students to work together, create best practices and drive new knowledge. The A&DS Lab is part of the school's continuous effort to bridge the gap between business education and corporate expectations; and reflects its constant endeavour in up-skilling our students."

Harish K. Kohli, President and Managing Director, Acer India and Vinay Sinha, Managing Director, Sales, AMD India Private Limited, also spoke on the occasion.

Free 'Parent Craft' meet for pregnant women

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, will be organising 'Parent Craft' meet, an educative and interactive session for pregnant women and their family on Jan. 4 between 3 pm and 5 pm at the hospital.

This is an opportunity for to-be-mothers to know more about dos and don'ts during pregnancy and post-pregnancy. The meet will include informative session by Gynaecologist, Paediatrician, Physiotherapist and Dietician.

Apart from this, the concern experts will be demonstrating exercise for mothers-to-be during pregnancy and post-delivery, diet advise with live recipes for a healthy diet, informative educative material for all participants, a fun baby shower ceremony and special offers for spot registrations for delivery package.

For free registration call Mob: 88846-55366.

Selected for Education Award

Mysuru, Jan. 2- **Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna**, working for Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, has been selected for Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Education Award instituted by Athmashree Cultural Foundation, Bengaluru.

This award, given in recognition of his achievements in Science, Education and Engineering, will be presented on Jan. 5 at Nayana Sabhangana of Kannada Bhavan, JC Road, Bengaluru, at 10.30 am.

Unique protest against CAA, NRC

After sticking roses, Congress women draw 'Rangolis'

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (PM&DM)- On the second day of its State-wide demonstration against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and rising crimes against women, the Women's wing of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) staged a unique 'Rangoli' protest in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate here this morning.

More than 30 women took part in the protest-cum-contest, in which they were asked to draw captions such as 'No CAA', 'No NRC' etc., in 'Rangoli' to draw the Centre's attention.

KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Vice-President Pushpavalli, former Mayors Pushpalatha Chikkanna and Modamani, leaders Latha Mohan, Latha Siddashetty and others were present.

Rose protest

On the first day of their demonstration yesterday, women Congress leaders of the city paid visit to the Office of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha at Jaladarshini Guest House premises on Hunsur Road and stuck a bunch of white roses on the closed door of the MP's Office as the MP was away on a tour.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas: Krishna Bakery, Mahalakshmi Sweets, Navilu Road, Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Chitrabanu Road and surrounding areas.

Sunil Puranik takes charge

as Karnataka Film Academy Chairman

Bengaluru, Jan.2- Noted Television actor and Director Sunil Puranik took charge as the Chairman of Karnataka Film Academy at Bengaluru this afternoon.

Puranik, who has directed over 50 TV Serials, has also acted in a few cinemas. His immediate task is to ensure the success of Bengaluru International Film Festival which is scheduled to take place shortly.

Sunil Puranik

HT power line: Farmers' stir enters fourth day

Threaten to lay siege to ZP Office tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&DM)- Even as the indefinite stir launched by the farmers under the banner of KRRS, in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office in protest against the laying of 440 KV Hiriyur-Mysuru High Tension (HT) power line over fertile lands in villages around Yelwal in the taluk, entered the fourth day today, farmers have warned of laying siege to the ZP Office here when District Minister V. Somanna arrives at the venue for chairing a KDP meeting tomorrow.

Speaking to presspersons at the protest site this morning, KRRS leader Badagalapura Nagendra urged District Minister Somanna to first visit the farmers and hear them on the dangers and damages of laying the power line over fertile lands in Yelwal Hobli. Urging the Minister to address the concerns expressed by the farmers on the power line project, Nagendra warned that hundreds of farmers would lay siege to the ZP Office if the Minister failed to visit them at the protest venue.

Nagendra said that the KRRS has called for a 'Grameena Karnataka Bandh' on Jan.8 in protest against the Government's failure to address agrarian issues. Many farmer organisations such as Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha and Farm Labour associations will take part in the Jan.8 bandh, he added.

Clean City Quarterly Ranking

(Continued from page 1)

Conducted for three quarters

Swachh Survekshan League-2020, covering 4,203 cities, was conducted in three quarters, April-June, July-September and October-December 2019 and has 2000 marks for each quarter. The final rankings for 2020 — likely to be out in March or April — will have 25 percent weightage of these three quarterly assessments.

The League rounds were incorporated for the first time since the Swachh Survekshan began in 2016, with the sole purpose of periodically reviewing waste management efforts made by various civic bodies.

'Has no impact on final ranking'

Reacting to the Swachh Survekshan League-2020 results, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, however, said that Mysuru not figuring in the top list does not make any impact on the final Swachh Survekshan results. "These are quarterly figures and are not linked to the final survey. We are aiming for the top slot and making all out efforts to secure that place," he told *Star of Mysore*.

"We have the infrastructure in place and are efficiently managing underground drainages, public toilets, door-to-door collection of garbage, zero waste management or waste segregation at source. And Mysuru has certain advantages when compared to other cities and this will be revealed during the field survey that will be conducted by the survey team. The quarterly ranking that is based on Management Information System documents does not reflect the ground reality," he added.

Survey to begin from Jan. 4

Meanwhile, a National-level survey of cleanliness of cities will begin from Jan. 4, leading to the final Swachh Survekshan-2020 rankings. Teams will visit cities across India, collect data, compile the same with physical observation and collate information for final result declaration.

"A six-member team will visit Mysuru anytime after Jan. 4 and we are prepared. The MCC is doing its best to get back the Cleanest City recognition. Public participation is very crucial in this as a lot of ranking depends on public feedback. Opinions from public, public participation, the awards we distributed for clean commercial complexes, hospitals, schools and colleges, hotels and restaurants all will add up in the final tally," Dr. Nagaraj informed.

For the record, Mysuru, had emerged as the third cleanest city in the country, under 'Swachh Survekshan-2019 and had also bagged five stars among the garbage-free cities category. The city had won the Cleanest City tag twice in 2015 and 2016, but slipped to the eighth spot in 2017 and 2018.

ITI students stage dharna

against online exam

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&DM)- Opposing the Government's decision to introduce online exam for ITI courses and imposition of GST on exam fees, over a hundred ITI (Industrial Training Institute) students under the banner of All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO), staged a demonstration near the Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning.

Terming the online exam as unrealistic and unscientific, the students urged the Government to cancel the online system of exam. Strongly opposing the hike in exam fee, the students claimed that the imposition of GST, coupled with hike in fee, will burden the students. They demanded immediate roll back of the fee hike and abolition of GST on fees.

AIDYO leader Suma and others took part in the dharna.

Kodagu youth dies
in accident near Davanagere

Ashwath

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (BCT)- A youth from Kodagu was killed in an accident near Davanagere this morning when his car veered off the road.

He has been identified as Ammekanda Ashwath from Virajpet.

According to initial reports reaching *Star of Mysore* office, 40-year-old Ashwath was travelling along with Mapanamada Cariappa in his i20 car (KA-12-MA-3986) when the vehicle collided with a goods tempo. The accident occurred at around 6.30 am at Halakanaadu Cross (Pandahalli) near Chennagiri.

Reports said that the accident occurred while the car was avoiding a collision with a buffalo that was crossing the road. Cariappa too was injured in the accident and he is in a state of shock. He has been admitted to a hospital and is recuperating.

Local villagers managed to extricate the injured Cariappa from the mangled front portion of the car and rush him to a hospital. Ashwath was killed on the spot.

Ashwath was proceeding towards Virajpet after finishing a company meeting in Davanagere. Local villagers, who were at the spot, could not identify the victim and with the available documents on the accident victims, Ashwath and Cariappa were traced to Virajpet where someone was contacted.

The news was spread on social media by a journalist in Mysuru who was informed about the accident by his friend in Virajpet.

The journalist immediately sent his Davanagere reporter to the spot and the latter made all the arrangements till some of the family members arrived.

Relatives have been informed about the accident and they are rushing to Davanagere. Further details are awaited.

Two killed as bikes collide head-on

Mandya, Jan. 2 (Nagaiah&KS)- Two riders were killed on the spot and pillion riders seriously injured when their bikes collided head-on near Madugere Gate, Bookanakere hobli in K.R. Pet taluk last night.

The deceased are Swamygowda (55) of Ganjigere Koppal and Kumar (45) of Maachagonahalli.

The injured are Swamygowda's daughter Reshma and his grandson Uday, who have been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Swamygowda, along with his daughter Reshma and grandson Uday, was proceeding on his Hero Honda bike from Ganjigere Koppal, when Kumar, who was riding another bike collided head-on with Swamygowda's bike resulting in both the riders being killed on the spot. Reshma suffered serious head injuries and Uday suffered a fracture on his leg.

K.R. Pet Rural Police Sub-Inspector Lakshman and staff, who rushed to the spot, shifted the bodies to Dundashetty Lakshmamma Memorial General Hospital mortuary.

A case has been registered at K.R. Pet Rural Police Station.

Snake caught in traffic rescued

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (SPN&KS)-A rat snake, which was caught in traffic, has been rescued by the public and released in Kukkarahalli Lake premises on Tuesday night.

The incident took place on Mysuru-Gaddige Road near Kukkarahalli Lake.

The snake, which came out from the bushes next to the Railway Gate near the Pavilion, came on to the road to cross over to the other side, but was caught in the middle of the road due to traffic.

A senior citizen, who saw the snake, took a big stick, lifted the snake from the middle of the road and left it in Kukkarahalli Lake premises. Traffic came to a standstill for nearly 10 minutes till the snake was rescued.

Chamarajanagar youths heckled at Coimbatore
Asked to remove Kannada flag from vehicle

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&KS)- A group of youths from Chamarajanagar, who were on their way in a vehicle to the Eshwara Temple at the Ashram of Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, were heckled near Ganabadi in the outskirts of Coimbatore yesterday by two youths by stopping their vehicle and asking them to remove the Kannada flag from the vehicle.

The youths from Kilagere in Chamarajanagar — Shivakumar, Veerabhadrappa, Manu, Ravi, Shivakumar, Somashekar, Madhusudhan, Mahadevaprasad and Abhinandan — were the ones who were heckled at Coimbatore.

Speaking to *SOM,* Mahadevaprasad, one of the youths, said that they left Chamarajanagar at about 7 am yesterday in a Tavera vehicle and reached Coimbatore at about 2.30 pm. While they were proceeding near Ganabadi, two youths stopped their vehicle and demanded them to remove the Kannada flag from their vehicle.

The Chamarajanagar youths then told the Coimbatore youths that they have put up the Kannada flag on their own vehicle which should not be a problem to them. The Chamarajanagar youths told them: "Do we create problems when you come to our State? Is there any rule saying not to put the flag? Call the Police, we will do as they tell."

Soon wordy dues ensued between the two groups and a crowd began to gather. The crowd did not support the two youths and they stopped the duo when they came forward to remove the flag and asked the Chamarajanagar youths to move on, Mahadevaprasad said and added that they did not allow anyone to remove the flag and went to the temple, had the *darshan* of the God and returned back.

Man cheats many by promising jobs abroad

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&KS) - A complaint has been lodged at Hebbal Police Station against a man for cheating many people in city by promising them jobs in Kuwait and receiving money from them. Complaint has been lodged against Vijay, proprietor of Jain Enterprises on M.G. Koppal Main Road at Hebbal 1st Stage in city and the complainant is Sukesh, a resident of Hebbal.

Sukesh has accused Vijay of taking Rs.80,000 and his passport from him for getting him a job at Kuwait but did not get him a job nor returned his money. Sukesh, in his complaint, has also stated that Vijay has closed his office and has gone absconding.

Based on the complaint, when the Hebbal Police went to Jain Enterprises and was conducting mahazar on Tuesday, many people came to the spot and told the Police that they too have been cheated by Vijay.

Hebbal Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

PM arrives at Siddaganga Mutt

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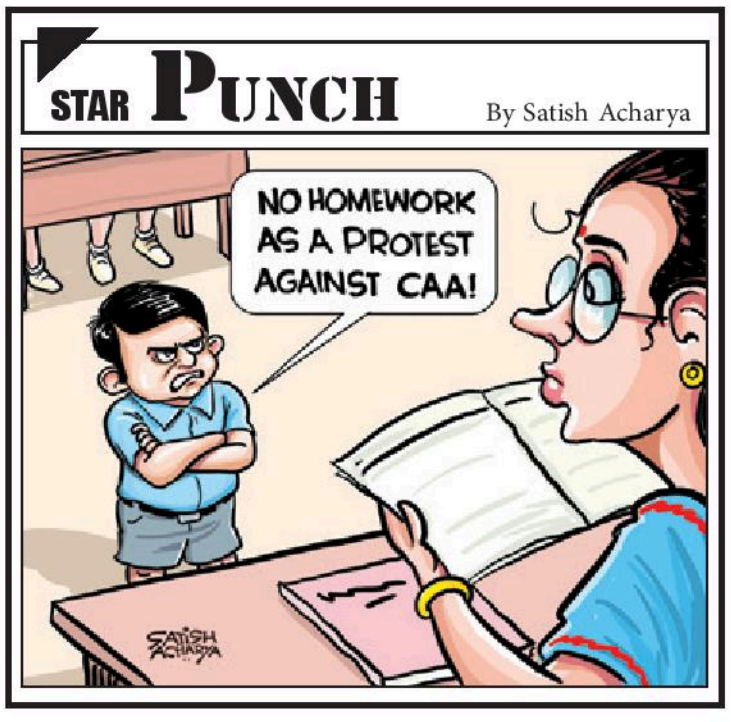
After his Mutt visit, Modi will address over 1.5 lakh farmers and will launch the 4th phase of the Kisan Samman Yojana in Tumakuru and later address a farmers' rally and take part in the Krishi Karman and Krishi Samman Awards function. He will give awards to 28 progressive farmers from 21 States.

The fourth instalment of Rs 2,000 each under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana would be released by Modi to beneficiaries across the nation by pressing a button at a farmers' convention.

Later, Modi will inaugurate five DRDO Young Scientists' Laboratories. After this, the PM will stay at the Raj Bhavan. On Jan. 3 (tomorrow), the Prime Minister will inaugurate the 107th Indian Science Congress at the Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra Campus at the University of Agricultural Sciences, before flying back to New Delhi in the afternoon.

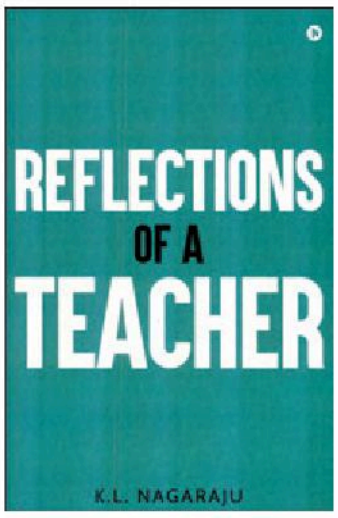
PM Narendra Modi will plant a 'Bilva Patre' sapling near the Gadduge of late Siddaganga Seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji.

Citing security concerns, the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao issued a notification prohibiting the flying of unmanned aerial objects, including drones, balloons, unmanned aerial vehicles, and unmanned aircraft systems during the visit of the Prime Minister. Modi's Special Protection Group has taken over and sanitised the places where the PM is scheduled to visit.



Booktalk

Self-discovery by a teacher



Title: Reflections of a Teacher
Author: K.L. Nagaraju
Pages: 230
Price: Rs. 250
Year: 2018
Publisher: Notion Press, Chennai

We learn from *Thythiriya Upanishad* about the virtue of respecting mother, father, guru and guest, all being perceived as divinity. Even as the outlook of people at large towards teachers being what it is in our times, the author, by recording his own vision of a teacher as mentor through 31 articles and 16 poems (in doggerel style of irregular rhyme and rhythm) has spoken his heart out. Although the scholars of the land who scripted the Upanishads visualised the meaning of the term *Guru* as friend, philosopher and guide of the student in a lifetime, that vast meaning seems to have got shrunk for which feature the factors are not difficult to point out. Teachers who leave an indelible imprint in the mind and heart of their students are amidst us notwithstanding some flourishing bad apples among the practitioners. The author's narratives in simple-to-follow language reflects him as an ideal teacher.

Three functionaries in top posts of the field of education have expressed in their forewords unalloyed adoration to the author for letting the teacher fraternity know how rewarding the profession can be provided the teacher's focus is on the student's welfare.

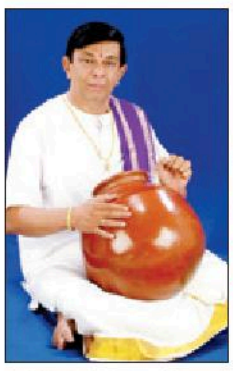
The articles, presented as chapters and also the poems published in newspapers and other occasions earlier bring to bear a deep insight into the heart and soul of the teaching profession. In his epilogue, the author pays rich tribute to his alma mater and all his cohorts in his work-life for helping him to discover himself through his 40-year journey as a teacher.

— BRS

Saxophone concert at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Ganabharathi is organising a Saxophone concert by the well-known Saxophonist **Vidwan G. Ramanathan** from Chennai on Jan. 3 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar. He will be accompanied on the violin by **Vidwan Mattur Srinidhi, Vidwan B.C. Manjunath** on mridanga and **Vidwan S. Srishailan** on ghata. The programme is organised in memory of Vidushi G.V. Neela and Vidushi G.V. Ranganayakamma.

Vid.G. Ramanathan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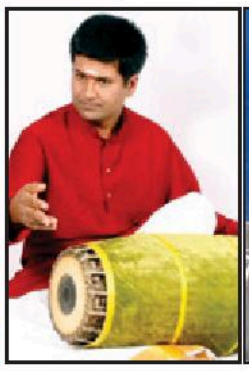

Vid. Manjunath

Vid. Srinidhi

Profile

Vid. G. Ramanathan, hailed as the worthy heir to Saxophone *Samrat Padma Shri* Dr. Kadri Gopalnath, is a 5th Generation Musician belonging to the Royalty of Cochin. Ramanathan had his early training in vocal, violin, mridanga and kanjira from his father, *Padma Bhushan, Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Prof. T.V. Gopalakrishnan (TVG). An artiste with a natural flair for all instruments, Ramanathan became a disciple of Saxophone Samrat Dr. Kadri Gopalnath and learnt the intricacies of the instrument.

Ramanathan has been conferred with the title of *Asthana Vidwan* of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and is an Empanelled artiste of the ICCR, New Delhi. He has also been awarded the K.S. Mahadevan Endowment Award for Best Saxophone artiste by Narada Gana Sabha in their Music Season in 2003 and is also honoured with the title of Ilam Isai Mamani by the Madras Kali Bari Trust.

Ramanathan graduated in Indian music from the prestigious Madras University and in Western music from the Trinity College of Music, London. As a Saxophonist, Ramanathan has evolved a style of his own meticulously guided by his father and Guru TVG. Ramanathan's music has been well-appreciated and critically acclaimed by one and all. He has performed at all the major Sabhas in Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, and Karnataka and also at the prestigious Ananthapuri Festival in Trivandrum, Kerala. He has toured extensively to Dubai, Australia, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland and UK.

Vidwan Mattur Srinidhi, who is a leading violinist today, is the student of Vidwan R.R. Keshavamurthy. Now he is learning from Vidwan R.N. Thyagarajan. He has accompanied most of the leading artistes and has earned a name for himself in the field of music.

A leading percussionist, he is the son and disciple of Vidwan B.K. Chandramouli. Then he learnt more nuances of laya from Vidwan T. K. Murthy.

Vidwan S. Srishailan is a senior disciple of Vidwan T.A.S. Mani and now he continues to learn from Vidwan Arjun. He has played for many veteran musicians and is the recipient of many awards and accolades.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan.2- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Law to **C. Basavaraju** for his thesis 'The intricacies of death penalty under criminal justice system in India - A critical study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.N. Vijay.

N.M. Nagendra has been awarded Ph.D in Education by the UoM for his thesis 'Proudashala Vidyarthigala Swayam-parikalpane Mattu Shaikshanika Sadaneya Mele Yoga Shikshanada Parinama - Ondu Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. Ningamma C. Betsur].

Mohammed Fuzail Akhtar has been awarded Ph.D in Urdu by the UoM for his thesis 'Ahmad Faraz Shakhsiyath Aur Fan' [Guide: Dr. Rafathunnisa Begum].

M.K. Aruna-shree has been awarded Ph.D in Philosophy by the UoM for her thesis 'Sachhidananda Dedege - Ondu Tattvika Anveshane' [Guide: Dr. M. Vijayalakshmi].

C.K. Roopa has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the UoM for her thesis 'Analysis and Interpretation of Cardiac Diseases using Heart Signal [Guide: Dr. B.S. Harish]

Prize winners of Music competition

A group photo of the prize winners of the music competition conducted by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru, recently at its Chaitanya Bhavan in Gokulam 3rd Stage. Standing: Dr. M.R. Bharathi Sridhar Raj Urs, Programme Sponsor, Sri Shivakanthanandaji, chief guest, B.S. Sridhar Raj Urs, Sabha President, J. Mahesh, Secretary and Renuka Devi, Treasurer, are seen with Best Singers Amulya Bhat and Amogha Kashyap. The winners in Senior Division - Classical Vocal: Amulya R. Bhat, Amogha V. Kashyap and Ananya R. Bhat; Bhaktigeethe/ Bhavageethe: Amulya R. Bhat, Ananya R. Bhat, Rachana and S. Mallesh; Janapadageethe: Amogha Kashyap and Vishalakshi. Junior Division - Classical Vocal: K.P. Anusha, Nayana Nagaraj, Poorvika K.Raj, Vaishnavi and Athri Koushik; Bhaktigeethe/ Bhavageethe: K.P. Anusha, Poorvika K. Raj, Akshebba Bhat; Janapadageethe: S.D. Ankush, Poorvika K. Raj and C.R. Sugosh; Mridanga: Sudharshan R. Srinivas and Athri Koushik.

South Zone Inter-University Women's Hockey 2019-20

Mysore University emerges champs

The women's hockey team of University of Mysore and its coach Ashok Thippasundar receiving the winner's trophy in the South Zone Inter-University Women's Hockey Tournament for Women 2019-20 held at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, on Tuesday.

Chennai, Jan. 2- The women's hockey team of University of Mysore (UoM) won the South Zone Inter-University Women's Hockey Tournament 2019-20 held at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, on Tuesday by beating Mangalore University 1-0 in their final match.

UoM will be taking part in the All India Inter-University Women's Hockey Championships 2019-20 to be held at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, from Jan. 2 to Jan. 5.

In the matches played in the South Zone Inter-University Tournament, UoM maintained a clean slate by winning all their matches and clinched the title.

In the final, they beat Mangalore by 1-0. In the previous game, they beat Sri Krishnadevaraya University 8-0 to progress further.

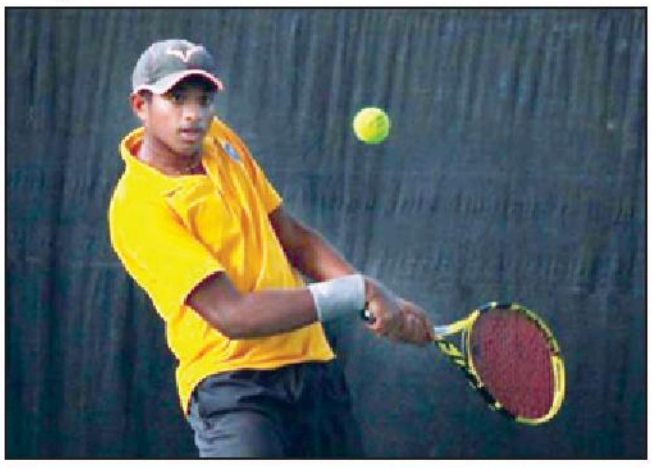
In the quarter-finals, UoM beat Anna University 8-1 and in the pre-quarter-finals beat Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. In the second round, UoM beat Periyar University 4-0 and in the first round, beat Sri Venkateshwara University 11-0.

The UoM Team

S.P. Kruthika, N.R. Sowmyashree, Dhruthi M.C. Varnekar, M.M. Usha, S.M. Kadambari, S.D. Sandhya, G.B. Shravya, M. Devi, A. Chithrashree, M.G. Yashika, S.K. Sumalatha, S.P. Sowjanya, H.R. Anjali, K.R. Kavya, B.N. Poojitha, Hema Ashok Happali, M.P. Shaina Thangamma and K.R. Bhoomika.

AITA Hyderabad Men's Tennis Tourney

Mysuru's Manish enters quarterfinals



Hyderabad, Jan. 2- Mysuru lad G. Manish, a student of Sapient PU College, Mysuru, and a product of Mysore Tennis Club (MTC), Mysuru, taking part in the AITA Men's 1 Lakh Prize-Money Tennis Tournament, entered the quarterfinals in the Men's Singles event on Tuesday.

G. Manish beat Venkat Sawamy Naidu of Tamil Nadu 6-2, 6-2 in the pre-quarterfinals to sail into the last eight stage of the Tournament proper. In the first round, Manish beat Shashank Theertha 6-3, 6-1 to progress further.

KSCA Mysuru Zone U-14 Inter-Club Tournament

Big win for Vidyaranya CC

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Inspiring performances by medium-pacer S. Rajashekar (four for 11) and K. Ayush (45), enabled Vidyaranya CC to register a big eight-wicket win over Mysore City Gymkhana in the KSCA Mysuru Zone U-14 Inter-Club Cricket Tournament 2019-20, played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here on Tuesday.

SCORES

Mysore City Gymkhana: 93 in 36.4 overs (S. Rajashekar 4/11, C.K. Giijesh 3/16, Krish Kedia 3/20) lost to **Vidyaranya CC:** 97/2 in 14.3 overs (K. Ayush 45, T.B. Tarun 20).

Excel in Karate, Stick Fighting

Mysuru, Jan.2- The following students of Acharya Vidya Kula, Mysuru, have excelled in Karate and Stick Fighting:

Sanika of Class VII participated in the 20th Shorin Kai National Karate Championship organised by Okinowa Karate Do Shorin Kai and has won first place in Individual Kata Black Belt 12-13 years Category. She has also secured II place in Individual Kumite event.

M.P. Reetu of Class VIII participated in 5th State-level Stick Fighting Tournament - 2019 organised by Karnataka Sports Silambam Association and has secured I place in Stick Fight in 13 years Category.

She has also emerged as the winner in Stick Swing 12-13 years category.

New Tennis Era kicks off with ATP Cup

Sydney, Jan. 2- Tennis' innovative new team championship kicks off the men's 2020 season on Friday, with Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic among those looking for a winning start ahead of the first Grand Slam of the year.

The ATP Cup will see 24 nations split into six groups across three Australian cities, with eight teams emerging from the round-robin to compete in a knockout phase until one country is left standing. It is the sport's newest tournament and the third men's team event competing for the hearts and minds, and dollars, of fans, along with a revamped Davis Cup and the annual Laver Cup, which pits Europe against the World.

But it has already suffered setbacks, with major draw-card Roger Federer opting to give it a miss and Andy Murray and Kei Nishikori pulling out injured.

Despite this, world number two Djokovic said the move towards more team tennis was good for a sport best known for the individuality of its global superstars.

Sydney hosts the finals, along with group games, which are also held in Brisbane and Perth with USD 15 million in prize money and up to 750 singles and 250 doubles ATP rankings points at stake.

While Federer, Nishikori and Murray are missing, most of the world's top 30 men are playing.

The championship, from Jan.3 to 12, will feature two ties each day in the three cities during the round robin, comprising two singles matches then a doubles.

Belgium kick off the Sydney action against Moldova before Britain face Bulgaria.

Kyrgios spearheads local hopes for Australia in Brisbane against the Alexander Zverev-led Germany while Greece take on Canada in the same city.

First up in Perth will be the United States against Norway followed by Russia and Italy.

Djokovic makes his tournament debut in Brisbane for Serbia on day two, as does Spanish world number one Nadal in Perth. Under the format, the second-ranked singles players from each country face each other first, then the top-ranked men ahead of a potentially decisive doubles.

A country winning two of three matches will claim the tie.

As well as the players, some big-name former stars are captaining their countries, including Boris Becker (Germany), Marat Safin (Russia), Tim Henman (Britain), Lleyton Hewitt (Australia), and Thomas Muster (Austria).

Previously the men's season kicked off with players spread across various smaller-scale tournaments, and outgoing ATP chairman Chris Kermode said it made far more sense to have everyone under one umbrella.

THE GROUPS

Group A [Brisbane] - Serbia, France, South Africa, Chile
Group B [Perth] - Spain, Japan, Georgia, Uruguay
Group C [Sydney] - Bulgaria, Belgium, Great Britain, Moldova
Group D [Perth] - Russia, Italy, USA, Norway
Group E [Sydney] - Austria, Croatia, Argentina, Poland
Group F [Brisbane] - Germany, Greece, Canada, Australia

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. B'lore	Dep. B'lore	Arr. Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Express	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	12.50 am (Sun)	03.15 am (Sun)
12610/12609	Mysuru-Chennai Express (Super Fast)	04.45 am	07.45 am	08.10 pm	11.30 pm
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	05.50 am	08.55 am	05.45 pm	08.40 pm
[NOTE: This extended train 17326 departs Ashokapuram at 5.15 am to reach Mysore City Railway Station at 5.25 am; Similarly, on arrival, Train No. 17325 will leave Mysore City Railway Station at 8.55 pm to reach Ashokapuram at 9.15 pm].					
66554/66551	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	06.10 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.45 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Express	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.50 pm (Thu)	11.30 pm (Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Express	07.20 am	09.55 am	12.20 am	02.35 am
		(Tue & Thu)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16023/16024	Mysore-Yelahanka-Malgudi Exp. (Super Fast)	08.25 am	10.55 am	01.30 pm	04.00 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.40 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25 pm (Wed)
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (Super Fast)	10.40 am	12.55 pm	01.00 pm	03.30 pm
		(Thursday and Saturday)		(Wednesday and Friday)	

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12613/12614	Tipu Express (Super Fast)	11.30 am	02.00 pm	03.15 pm	05.45 pm
16315/ 16316	Mysuru- Bengaluru-Kochuveli Express	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	8.45 am	11.20 am
17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Express	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
66552/66553	Mysore-Bangalore MEMU Passenger	01.45 pm	05.00 pm	07.10 pm	10.20 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
12786/12785	Kacheguda-Bengaluru Express	03.15 pm	05.40 pm	06.40 am	09.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Express	03.45 pm	06.30 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai (Super Fast)	04.30 pm	06.45 pm	06.00 am	08.20 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.10 pm	08.20 pm	07.20 am	10.20 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.20 pm	09.05 pm	07.00 am	10.10 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.35 pm	09.30 pm	03.30 am	06.00 am
		(Tuesday and Thursday)		(Sunday and Tuesday)	
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Express	07.00 pm	09.55 pm	06.20 am	09.10 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Express	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.50 pm (Wed)	05.35 am (Fri)	08.00am (Fri)
06576/06575	Mysuru-KSR B'luru City MEMU Special	08.30 pm	11.20 pm	05.20 pm	08.20 pm
		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)		(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat)	
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	09.00 pm	11.45 pm	04.00 am	06.40 am
06562/ 06561	Mysore-Yelahanka MEMU Train	10.20 pm	12.45 am	3.10 am	5.35 am
11065/11066	Mysore-Renigunta Express	10.55 pm (Fri)	01.19 am (Sat)	12.35 am (Sun)	02.50 am (Sun)
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.15 am	11.55 pm	04.15 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep. Ch'nagar	Arr. Mys
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.30 pm
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.10 am	09.55 am (N'gud)	10.45 am (N'gud)	11.45 am
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.40 am	12.30 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.35 pm	02.35 pm	06.00 pm	08.00 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	03.00 pm	04.40 pm	05.00 pm	06.40 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.40pm	08.55 pm	10.45 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

Train No.	Name	Dep. Mys	Arr. A'kere	Dep. A'kere	Arr. Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm
		(Sunday)		(Friday)	
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.30 am	10.40 am	05.30 pm	09.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	07.45 am	03.40 pm (Yesvantpur)	12.15 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.05 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.40 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Exp.	08.10 pm	11.05 pm	01.40 am	04.55 am
		(Friday)		(Wednesday)	
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.10 am	07.05 am
		Dep. Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep. Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	02.00 pm	08.55 pm	07.50 am	02.50 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

Train No.	Name	Departure	Arrival
16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'lore)	11.00 pm (Mysore) [Sunday, Monday & Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysore)	08.00 am (B'lore) [Friday, Saturday & Sunday]

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Education Minister holds review meeting

- SSLC ranking in districts likely to be abolished
- New teachers transfer policy on the anvil
- 'Shikshakara Mithra' Mobile App soon

Suresh Kumar

Mysuru, Jan.2 (YDS&US)- "The quality of teaching should be improved to see an increase in pass percentage in SSLC examination," opined Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar.

He was chairing a meeting at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) here on Tuesday to review the progress in the educational sector at the districts coming under Mysuru Division. Suresh Kumar observed that leakage of question papers was spoiling the educational sector. He suggested that such incidents should be averted and asked teachers not to boycott evaluation work.

Quoting an incident of a Scheduled Caste family at Chikkanahalli in Anekal taluk, the Minister said: "A boy had lost his father and was brought up by his mother but never admitted to any school. One teacher Nirmala, after a long persuasion, managed to get the boy Anjanappa admitted to a school who passed SSLC scoring 91%, 131st rank in CET, 91st rank in JEE and now studying at IIT, Mumbai" and lauded the teacher Nirmala in her effort to counsel the family.

Suresh Kumar asked parents and teachers not to put stress on students who should be properly encouraged to learn. He disclosed that a teacher-friendly mobile App 'Shikshakara Mithra' would be launched this month for teachers to get their grievances addressed. He said that it is being discussed with MLCs regarding abolition of compulsory transfer of teachers and to come out with a new policy for transfers.

Secondary Education Board Directors V. Sumangali, Karichinnanavar, BEOs and DDPIs of various districts participated in the meeting.

The Minister later visited people's Park premises where the new City Central Library building is under construction.

Abolition of ranking system

Speaking later to media, Suresh Kumar said that it is being contemplated to abolish the ranking system being awarded to districts which has paved way to an unhealthy competition among districts. He stressed the importance of quality of education which is not defined by just marks and rank.

Teacher's transfer

The Minister observed that the concept of compulsory transfer was existing only in Education Department which has to be removed and a new teacher-friendly Transfer Policy will be evolved and tabled at the next Legislature Session.

He said that the Finance Department has given permission to recruit 10,000 teachers every year and added that 10,650 teachers would be appointed soon.

CET on April 22, 23

Bengaluru, Jan.2- The Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture and other professional courses will be conducted on Apr.22 to 23.

The test for Biology and Mathematics papers will be on Apr.22 and for Physics and Chemistry papers on Apr.23.

The Kannada language test for Horanadu and Gadinadu students will take place on Apr.24, according to a Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) release.

Students aspiring for Medical, Dental and AYUSH courses, among others, have to appear for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET).

The release also said that CET-2020 would be a pen-and-paper test and there would be no online exam.

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Winter Festival to conclude tonight

Pyrotechnics, Dance-Drama and Police Band enthral Palace gathering on penultimate day

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (MK&US)- The penultimate day of Winter Festival at Mysore Palace premises here last evening featured a performance by Police Band and a dance-drama 'Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Vaibhava' by artistes of Sri Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira.

The Police Band led by senior artiste Thandavamurthy commenced with the song *Prasanna Ganapathy,* a composition of Piteelu Chowdiah followed by composition of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar *Maharajara Keerthane, Aigiri Nandini, Bhagyada Lakshmi Baaramma, Saarasmukhi, Yentharo Mahanubhavalu* and the famous Wedding Bells of Veena Maestro Chitti Babu followed by *Thillanna* of Veene

Seshanna. The dance-drama, led by Sunitha Chandrakumar, was excellently portrayed with dialogue packed with devotion and emotion.

Another attraction on the New Year Day was a grand pyrotechnics display featuring colourful crackers for over 15 minutes which lit the sky with colours.

The Palace premises was full of visitors to enjoy the soothing music in the ambience of colourful flowers and floral structures.

The footfall for the Winter Festival from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 crossed 3.6 lakh with 33,000 people visiting yesterday.

It may be mentioned here that the firework display, which was scheduled to welcome New Year at the strike of 12 midnight on Dec. 31, was postponed following the State mourning for the demise of Pejawar Seer on Dec. 29. Also, the cultural events of Dec. 29 and 30 were postponed to Jan. 1 and 2 respectively.

Hence, the Winter Fest with Flower Show will conclude tonight with 'Harsha Dhwani,' a musical evening by Sriharsha of *SaReGaMaPa* fame and teams of *SaReGaMaPa* and *Kannada Kogile* reality shows from 7 pm to 9 pm.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ersatz

Pronunciation: AIR-sahts.
Meaning: Being a usually artificial and inferior substitute or imitation.
Origin: Ersatz can be traced back in English to the 1870s, but it really came into prominence during World War I. Borrowed from German, where Ersatz is a noun meaning "substitute," the word was frequently applied as an adjective in English to modify terms like coffee (made from acorns) and flour (made from potatoes)—ersatz products resulting from the privations of war. By the time World War II came around, bringing with it a resurgence of the word along with more substitute products, ersatz was wholly entrenched in the language. Today, ersatz can be applied to almost anything that seems like an artificial imitation.
Example: "If you want to keep your drinks cold without constantly running to the ice machine, using the laundry bag as an ersatz ice chest is a great option...." — Melissa Locker

THE ODD WORD

Ebrious

Tending towards excessive drinking.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Curiosity killed the cat

Meaning: It is a proverb used to warn of the dangers of unnecessary investigation or experimentation. The original form of the proverb, now little used, was "Care killed the cat". In this instance, "care" was defined as "worry" or "sorrow for others."
Origin: The earliest form printed reference to the original proverb is attributed to the British playwright Ben Jonson in his 1598 play, Every Man in His Humour, which was performed first by William Shakespeare.
...Helter skelter, hang sorrow, care will kill a cat, up-tails all, and a pox on the hangman.
Shakespeare used a similar quote in his circa 1599 play, Much Ado About Nothing:
What, courage man! what though care killed a cat, thou hast mettle enough in thee to kill care.
The proverb remained the same until at least 1898. Ebenezer Cobham Brewer included this definition in his Dictionary of Phrase and Fable:
Care killed the Cat.
It is said that "a cat has nine lives," yet care would wear them all out. The origin of the modern variation is unknown. It is found in an Irish newspaper from 1868: "They say curiosity killed a cat once". An early printed reference to the actual phrase "Curiosity killed the cat" is in James Allan Mair's 1873 compendium A handbook of proverbs.

QUOTE BOX

Time spent with cats is never wasted.— **Sigmund Freud**

RIDDLE THIS

If an electric train is travelling south, which way is the smoke going?

Answer :There is no smoke; it is an electric train!

SUDOKU

		1		4		5		
			9		3			
	3	6				9	4	
2				5				8
1			3		4			6
3				2				4
	8	9				6	1	
			8		5			
		3		1		4		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	2	8	4	6	9	7	3
3	6	4	1	9	7	5	2	8
8	9	7	3	5	2	1	6	4
9	7	6	2	3	5	4	8	1
4	3	1	9	6	8	2	5	7
2	8	5	4	7	1	6	3	9
5	1	3	6	8	9	7	4	2
7	4	9	5	2	3	8	1	6
6	2	8	7	1	4	3	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

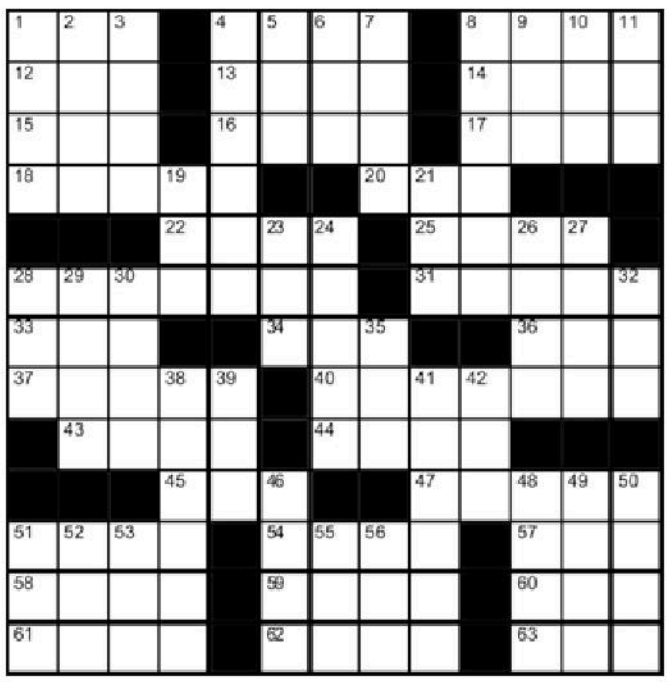
1 European airline, in short
4 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
8 Grant or transfer?
12 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
13 An old Irish alphabet
14 Antiquing liquid
15 ___ one's heart out : grieved continuously?
16 A count of English style
17 Cut with scythe or machine
18 Composer of famous opera Carmen
20 Honest ___ : Abraham Lincoln, of course?
22 Fully developed
25 Pakistani language
28 Patella
31 Unit of magnetic flux
33 Long fish
34 It covers the eyeball?
36 Brown-capped boletus mushroom - "EPC" anagram?
37 Periods of time
40 Guardianship, detention
43 Conspire or scheme
44 John ____ : ex-England and Sussex paceman?
45 Colouring material
47 Not dusks?
51 Keep clear of
54 Yogita or Geeta of Hindi cinema
57 Do some garden work
58 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
59 The French for 'blue'
60 Grow old
61 Cricket great Sobers
62 Unwanted e-mail
63 Random Hse. mail

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	L	L	■	B	A	L	E	■	■	A	P	A
R	O	I	■	O	M	I	T	S	■	C	O	D
E	G	G	■	O	R	I	E	L	■	U	L	T
■	■	H	A	R	E	■	■	I	O	T	A	■
A	L	T	O	■	■	W	A	G	N	E	R	■
S	E	E	P	■	M	I	G	H	T	■	■	■
S	A	D	■	B	E	S	E	T	■	C	S	A
■	■	■	C	A	G	E	D	■	M	O	A	N
■	C	O	N	R	A	D	■	■	I	N	S	T
■	U	S	S	R	■	■	A	L	B	S	■	■
E	M	T	■	E	R	A	S	E	■	U	M	A
D	I	E	■	N	E	V	I	S	■	L	O	T
O	N	O	■	■	W	I	S	E	■	T	T	S

DOWN

1 Crust formed over wound in healing
2 A form of our prayers is also a girl's name
3 Major canal
4 Kind of justice
5 Revered personality __ Khan
6 Form of mechanical transport
7 South Africa's Hashim ____
8 Apparatus for taking photographs
9 The Latin for 'i'
10 It forms on the ground at night-time
11 A type of sea-eagle
19 Previous to
21 Annoy or pester
23 Bosom buddy or chum
24 Iliad, Mahabharat, et al.?
26 Spray-on paint for motor vehicles
27 Employed
28 Lock opener
29 Turnip (slang)
30 Israeli carrier (2,2)
32 He may be in disguise and use a false name
35 Of a dull brown colour
38 ___ Marsh : Australian wicket keeper in Ian Chapell's team?
39 Place fit for a pig
41 Metal found in common salt?
42 Two for the bard
46 Declines; retreats
48 George Michael & Andrew Ridgeley
49 Wooden pegs, pins, or blocks
50 Discerns or observes
51 Weaken through weariness, age, etc.; droop
52 High Power Amplifier
53 Former Mideast org.
55 Matterhorn for example?
56 Piece of meadow



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QYU RP PMQLVRQLP LBVKYMKORUYKRXF,

HYPPRMUYVLXF, RU XMIL CRVZ PWSSLKRUE.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people if you have none of your own.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Bramhachari	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Baddi Magan Lifu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Good Newwz	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Prati Roju Pandaage	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	8am,11.30am,3pm,6.30pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.55 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	10 pm
	(S-3)	11.25 am
	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Spies in Disguise (E-3D)	(S-2)	9 am
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Thrissur Pooram (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-3)	2.00 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3)	6.50 pm

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	12 noon, 3.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	8.30 am, 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 am
	(S-4)	8.10 am, 9.20 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	9.15 am
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-4)	12.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Spies in Disguise (E)	(S-2)	12.05 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-4)	6.35 pm

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Good Newwz (H)	9.05 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 3.25 pm
	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Spies In Disguise (E-3D)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm
	9.35 pm, 10 pm
Odeya (K)	12.05 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	1.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	6.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Prize winners in various contests

Seen in the picture are the mentors, Shilpashree, B.J. Asha and Prasanna M. Madivala, along with the team members — Advitha Nag, Pallavi, U. Brunda, Spandana Sudarshan, P. Prerana, V. Chethan, S. Sagar, E. Ullas, Nithin K. Gowda, B.M. Manoj, S. Chethan, Riya Ganesh, Disha A. Gowda, R. Thejaswini, Kusuma Varshini and S. Pranathi.

Mysuru, Jan. 2- The students of The Orchids Public School have secured 2nd Runner-up position in the competitions organised by Mysore Round Table 21 and Mysore Ladies Circle 9.

The team performed a mime, solo dance and group song to depict the theme 'Technology and Social Media - Finding the Right Balance' and also participated in the Essay Writing and Debate competitions on the same topic.

Disha A. Gowda - 1st place in English Debate; **Riya Ganesh** - 2nd in Solo Dance; **Kusuma Varshini** - 2nd in Kannada Essay. Their mentors were Shilpashree, B.J. Asha and Prasanna M. Madivala.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 2)

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 8.30 pm;** Cultural Programme - 'Harsha Dhwani,' a musical evening programme by Sriharsha of *SaReGaMaPa* fame and teams of *SaReGaMaPa* and *Kannada Kogile* reality shows, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Vidyapeetha Institute of Culture - Jnanodaya PU College: College Annual Day celebrations 2019-20, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj chief guest, Sri Sharada Peetam Administrator and CEO Dr. V.R. Gowrishankar presides, College premises, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Saptashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 3)

District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and State Government Employees Association, District Branch: District-level Annual Sports Meet (2019-20) of State Government employees, District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna inaugurates, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **10 am.**

Mysuru Makkala Koota - Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Girls PU College: College Annual Day, Kannada Sahitya Academy President Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar chief guest, DDPU Dr. B.N. Nagarathna special guest, MMK & SDM Degree College Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemadu guest of honour, MMK & SDM PU College Principal Prof. M.V. Asha presides, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**

Rotary District 3181: Celebration of '100 Years of Rotary in India,' Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, President-Nominee, Rotary International, chief guest, Rotarians Dakoju Ravishankar, M. Ranganath Bhat and A.R. Ravindra Bhat guests of honour, releasing of coffee table book titled 'One Hundread Years of Rotary in India - 1920-2020,' Dr. Shivegowda's USA Farm, R.T. Nagar, **5 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Parur M.S. Gopalakrishnan Memorial Programme, Guruvandana to Parur Parampare by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy and his students of Sangeetha School of Music, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Vidushis G.V. Leela and G.V. Ranganayakamma Memorial Programme, Saxophone Recital by Vid. G. Ramanathan, accompanied by Vid. Mattur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. S. Srishailan on ghata, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.15 pm.**

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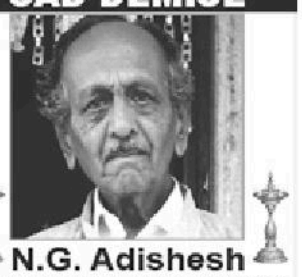
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